

2019 ASHBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2018-2019 NEIGHBOURHOOD SECURITY REPORT

On behalf of the Parish Council, I confirm I am its current representative with the responsibility for providing Neighbourhood security messages. These are issued to those parishioners who have asked to be included in the parish council's free Ashby Update Service. I remain responsible for ensuring that, when I receive any, police and other security messages are notified to residents as soon as reasonably possible.

Neighbourhood security remains an agenda item at every Parish Council meeting. Within that agenda item, the Parish Council would occasionally receive a report from a police officer, if one was in attendance, however the council has now been formally advised, because of police resources, that is simply no longer possible.

Since this time last year I have not received any Police messages or reports of issues that have directly affected our parish. Homewatch matters have been received in the form of circulars dealing with national topics. Police Reports refer to figures of crimes etc within a large, virtually regional, area – the days of news of truly local issues has sadly long gone. For that reason I remain grateful if parish residents who keep a watchful lookout, report incidents to me so that they can be circulated amongst our close-knit community. This circulation of security issues is part of a Parish Council initiative known as the Ashby Update Service / Homewatch (Police Alerts) which is free for all Ashby residents to receive.

The Ashby Update messaging service is also a useful tool for notifying changes affecting our community via the Parish Council website, or that the website has been updated. The neighbourhood security and website update service has remained at 55 recipients this year (between one third and a half of all the parish's households) and is a worthy advertisement for the community spirit of the village. The parish council welcomes more Ashby recipients to join our Ashby Update Service incorporating HomeWatch / Police Alerts. Being part of a homewatch group can result in lower insurance premiums. More details via a factsheet can and will willingly be provided. The Ashby Update service is quick, easy, beneficial and best of all, free to receive and belong to.

That concludes my 2018-2019 Neighbourhood Security report.

Mark Rolph - Parish Councillor